

District Three Implementation Committee Meeting Minutes August 18, 2008

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 5:35pm in Meeting Room A at Fresno City Hall.

The roll was called with the following members present:

Jim Tate Hill
Margie Reisz
Charles Dowling
Abraham Lopez
Elliott Balch
Crystal Jackson (arrived at 5:40 pm)

Members Absent:

Marlin Keeling

Others present: Hal Lore, Jas Singh, Steve Weil, Brian Dominguez, Frank Florez, Robert Tomasevich, Isaac Camera, Sophia Pagoulatos with the Planning and Development Department and Gregory A. Barfield, Staff to the Committee from the Office of Councilmember Sterling.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Balch and **Second** by Lopez to approve August 4, 2008 minutes with minor corrections.

Passes.

Review of Projects:

C-08-147/ MD 08-020 2625 West Vassar Avenue

Applicants Hal Lore and Jas Singh provided updates on the former skate rink that now is a banquet facility. The facility is 12,640sq. ft with only 11,000 ft being used due to original CUP and parking issues.

Mr. Singh has purchased a new site to the south for valet parking only. Two attendants will be stationed at valet parking lot and one at the main lot.

There was discussion on parking and how the valet parking process will operate.

Motion by Jackson and **Second** by Lopez to approve C-08-147/ MD 08-020 with the recommendation that if the applicant secures the basin or the parcel to the north, it should be used for additional parking in the future.

Passes.

REVIEW OF PROJECTS (continued)

A-08-06, R-08-12, S-08-39

Applicants Steve Weil and Brian Dominguez presented their project which is a retail and commercial component called Vagabond Station, to compliment the proposed city skate park to the north, which was donated to the city by Mr. Weil and will be on land.

Questions about why applicant is pursuing the Plan Amendment and not the City of Fresno? Discussion of why not look at, Plan Amendments for the general area. What is the role of the RDA in the development of infrastructure? No direct request to RDA, but have only spoken with Economic Development on cost being placed. Discussion on having the PARCS' part of this presented.

Motion by Balch and **Second** by Lopez to table until PARCS' CUP 08-179 can be presented at September 15, 2008 meeting.

S-08-68 2455 Foundry Park Avenue

Applicants Frank Florez, Robert Tomasevich, and Isaac Camera presented the project, a proposed union hall, classroom for apprenticeship training, and administrative offices of Sheet Metal Workers Local 162 which covers Fresno, Madera, Tulare, and Kings Counties.

Motion by Balch and **Second** by Dowling to approve project S-08-68.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:01pm.